

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 21-24, 2019, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults, with 65 percent reached on cell phones and 35 percent on landlines. Results have a 3.5 percentage point margin of sampling error for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md.

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Approve			Disapprove			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

2. What kind of job do you think Trump has done so far on [ITEM], excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	Positive			Negative			No op.
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
a. handling the economy	49	27	22	49	22	27	3
b. dealing with race relations	34	15	19	63	15	47	3
c. creating jobs	51	26	25	46	21	25	3
d. helping the middle class	41	18	23	56	17	39	3
e. handling the federal budget deficit	33	12	21	61	18	43	6
f. improving the health care system	33	9	24	62	22	39	6
g. dealing with the threat of terrorism	50	25	25	48	19	29	2
h. handling international crises	43	21	23	54	20	34	3
i. handling issues of special concern to women	33	12	21	63	17	46	5
j. making appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court	43	24	19	50	18	33	7
k. dealing with border security	43	28	14	57	16	41	1

* Full sample asked items a and b; half sample asked items c-f; other half asked items g-k

Trend:

a. handling the economy

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	49	27	22	49	22	27	3
11/1/17*	44	20	24	53	23	30	3
1/15/17**	61	25	36	37	17	21	2

**What kind of job do you think Trump is doing on..."

***What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

b. dealing with race relations

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	34	15	19	63	15	47	3
11/1/17*	28	7	21	70	19	51	1
1/15/17**	40	12	28	57	23	35	2

**What kind of job do you think Trump is doing on..."

***What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

c. creating jobs

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	51	26	25	46	21	25	3
1/15/17*	59	24	35	38	20	18	4
**What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."							

d. helping the middle class

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	41	18	23	56	17	39	3
1/15/17*	50	17	32	47	21	26	4
**What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."							

e. handling the federal budget deficit

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	33	12	21	61	18	43	6
1/15/17*	50	18	32	47	23	23	3
**What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."							

f. improving the health care system

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	33	9	24	62	22	39	6
11/1/17*	26	6	20	70	23	47	4
1/15/17**	44	14	30	51	24	27	5

**What kind of job do you think Trump is doing on..."

***What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

g. dealing with the threat of terrorism

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	50	25	25	48	19	29	2
11/1/17*	43	18	25	55	21	33	2
1/15/17**	56	23	33	42	19	23	2

**What kind of job do you think Trump is doing on..."

***What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

h. handling international crises

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	43	21	23	54	20	34	3
1/15/17*	44	14	30	53	23	29	4

*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

i. handling issues of special concern to women

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	33	12	21	63	17	46	5
1/15/17*	37	11	26	61	24	36	2

*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

j. making appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
1/24/19	43	24	19	50	18	33	7
1/15/17*	49	17	32	46	19	26	5

*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

k. No trend.

3. Do you think the policies of the Trump administration have made the United States more respected around the world today, less respected or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	More respected	Less respected	Not much difference	No opinion
1/24/19	25	51	21	3

Compare to:

Do you think the policies of the Obama administration have made the United States more respected around the world today, less respected or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	More respected	Less respected	Not much difference	No opinion
9/26/12* RV	32	38	27	2

*Fox News

4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Trump as a person? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/24/19	32	20	12	59	14	45	9
4/11/18	32	17	16	61	14	47	7

Compare to:

George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
7/30/01	63	34	2
6/3/01	61	34	5
4/22/01	64	32	4

Bill Clinton

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/20/04	50	49	2
1/15/01	44	51	5
10/22/00	LV	33	60
10/21/00	LV	33	62
10/20/00	LV	32	63
10/1/00	RV	37	58
9/6/00	RV	35	62
8/20/00	RV	35	61
8/10/00	RV	34	62
1/26/00		34	61
12/15/99	RV	32	65
12/15/99		36	62
9/2/99		38	59
3/14/99		30	67
3/4/99		40	54
12/15/98		41	56
11/1/98	LV	37	60
11/1/98		42	54

5. Do you think Trump [ITEM], or not?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is a strong leader	48	51	1
b. is honest and trustworthy	36	61	2
c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president	39	58	3
d. has brought needed change to Washington	41	56	3
e. understands the problems of people like you	33	65	1
f. is good at making political deals	36	58	6

*Half sample asked items a-c; other half asked d-f

Trend:

a. is a strong leader

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/24/19	48	51	1
11/1/17	40	59	1
4/20/17	53	45	2

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/24/19	36	61	2
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16	RV	34	64
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15*	35	59	6

**Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president

Yes	No	No opinion

1/24/19	39	58	3
11/1/17	31	66	3
4/20/17	38	59	3
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	31	67	2
3/6/16	25	72	3
9/10/15*	33	63	4

**Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president"

d. has brought needed change to Washington

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/24/19	41	56	3
11/1/17	42	55	3
9/21/17	39	59	2

e. understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/24/19	33	65	1
11/1/17	37	62	1
4/20/17	37	61	2
3/6/16	26	72	2
9/10/15*	29	67	4

*Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not. He understands the problems of people like you.

f. is good at making political deals

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/24/19	36	58	6
11/1/17	37	58	4

6. How much confidence do you have in [ITEM] to make the right decisions for the country's future - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	-Grt deal/Good amt-			---- Some/None ----				No opinion
	NET	Great deal	Good amt	NET	Just some	None at all		
							Great deal	
a. Trump	35	21	14	64	16	48	1	
b. the Republicans in Congress	30	10	20	69	39	30	2	
c. the Democrats in Congress	34	12	22	65	36	29	1	
d. Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	30	13	17	62	24	37	8	

Trend:

a. Trump

	-Grt deal/Good amt-			---- Some/none ----				No opinion
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	None at all		
							Great deal	
1/24/19	35	21	14	64	16	48	1	
11/1/17	34	20	15	65	19	46	1	
1/15/17	38	15	23	61	27	34	1	

b. the Republicans in Congress

	-Grt deal/Good amt-			----- Some/none -----			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	None at all	No opinion
1/24/19	30	10	20	69	39	30	2
11/1/17	21	6	14	76	48	28	3
1/23/14	19	5	14	80	47	34	1
7/11/10	26	8	18	73	43	29	1
1/15/10	24	6	18	75	47	28	1
10/18/09	19	4	15	79	46	33	2
8/17/09	21	4	16	78	45	33	1
4/24/09	21	4	16	78	50	28	2
1/16/09	29	8	21	69	49	21	2

c. the Democrats in Congress

	-Grt deal/Good amt-			----- Some/none -----			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	None at all	No opinion
1/24/19	34	12	22	65	36	29	1
11/1/17	27	8	19	70	42	28	3
1/23/14	27	9	17	72	38	34	1
7/11/10	32	12	20	67	35	32	1
1/15/10	32	11	21	68	33	35	1
10/18/09	34	12	23	64	37	27	2
8/17/09	35	14	21	63	35	29	1
4/24/09	36	12	24	63	38	25	1
1/16/09	43	15	28	56	37	19	2

d. No trend.

7. As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) and (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) or (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and the Republicans in Congress	Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/19	53	34	10	*	3

Compare to: As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	53	29	13	2	4

8. Have you personally been inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? (IF YES) Has it been a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?

	---- Yes, inconvenienced -----				
	NET	Major	Minor	No op.	No opinion
1/24/19	22	10	12	0	78
1/11/19	18	7	10	1	82
10/20/13*	22	11	11	0	78
1/7/96*	12	4	8	NA	88

1/3/96	12	5	6	88	1
11/19/95	12	6	6	"	*

*Phrased in past tense

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] is handling efforts to end the partial shutdown of the federal government? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	Approve			Disapprove			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Trump	34	24	10	60	11	49	6
b. Pelosi	36	17	19	54	16	38	10

On another topic...

10. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/24/19	42	32	10	54	10	44	4
1/11/19	42	29	13	54	15	38	4
1/18/18	34	25	9	63	11	52	3
9/21/17	37	27	10	62	9	53	1
1/15/17	37	25	12	60	13	47	3
9/8/16*	34	24	10	63	11	52	3

*Do you support or oppose building a wall across the entire U.S. border with Mexico?
Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

11. Who do you trust more to handle the issue of [ITEM], (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) or (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress)?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	Trump and Republicans		Pelosi and Democrats		Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. border security	40		42		1	13	3
b. illegal immigration	42		47		1	8	2

* half sample asked item a; other half asked item b

Compare to:

Which political party the (Democrats) or the (Republicans) do you trust to do a better job handling border security?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/1/18 RV	39	49	2	6	4

12. Do you think the United States is currently doing (too little), (too much) or about the right amount to keep undocumented immigrants from coming into this country?

	Too little	Too much	Right amount	No opinion
1/24/19	54	16	24	6

On another topic...

13. As you may know, Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been investigating possible collusion between Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia, among other issues. How much confidence do you have that Mueller's final report will be fair and even-handed - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

	-Grt deal/Good amt-			----- Some/none -----			
	Great NET	Good deal	amount	NET	Just some	None at all	No opinion
1/24/19	43	24	19	50	28	22	7

14. Do you support or oppose the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives using their congressional authority to investigate [ITEM]?

1/24/19 - Summary table

			Support	Oppose	No opinion
a.	whether or not Trump's 2016 campaign colluded with Russia		57	38	5
b.	suspected financial ties between Trump and foreign governments		61	34	4
c.	Trump's relationship and communications with Russian President Vladimir Putin		59	37	4

15. Do you think the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives should or should not use their congressional authority to obtain and release Trump's tax returns? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Should -----		----- Should not -----		No	
	NET	Strongly	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/24/19	60	46	35	9	26	5

16. Just your best guess... Do you think Democrats will (go too far) investigating Trump, will they (not go far enough), or will they handle this about right?

	Go too far	Not go far enough	About right	No opinion
1/24/19	46	17	34	3

17. Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not begin impeachment proceedings that could lead to Trump being removed from office? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Should begin -----		--- Should not begin ---		No	
	NET	Strongly	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/24/19	40	33	55	13	42	6
8/29/18	49	40	46	13	33	5

Compare to:

Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not impeach Clinton and remove him from office?

	--- Should be impeached ---		-- Should not be impeached --		No	
	NET	Strongly	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
12/6/98	33	NA	64	NA	NA	3
11/22/98	30	NA	66	NA	NA	4
11/1/98	27	NA	71	NA	NA	2
10/25/98	29	NA	66	NA	NA	5
10/18/98	29	NA	68	NA	NA	3
10/10/98	31	25	64	11	53	4

9/28/98	31	24	7	66	14	52	3
9/21/98	41	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	2
9/14/98	38			59			3
9/13/98*	30			64			6
8/23/98**	24			70			6
8/19/98**	30			65			5
8/17/98**	25			69			6

*Washington Post: "As you may know, the independent counsel Kenneth Starr has delivered a report to Congress summarizing his investigation of the Lewinsky matter. Based on what you know or have heard..."

** "If he does not resign, do you think..."

Questions 18-22 held for release.

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/19	32	24	37	4	3
11/1/18	32	25	35	4	4
10/11/18	33	26	35	4	2
8/29/18	33	25	37	3	3
4/11/18	32	25	35	5	3
1/18/18	31	23	40	4	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 351 interviews completed on landlines and 650 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 432 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Post-ABC national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

	Unweighted	
Group	sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,001	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	893	4
Half samples	477-524	5-5.5

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